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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

This is a first office action for application Serial 10/178,464 filed February 20, 2004.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Losi, Jr. et al. (US Patent No. 6,035,877).

Losi, Jr. et al. show and disclose a shelter including applicant's claim limitations including: a shelter frame comprising a plurality of upwardly extending poles/legs (1), a linkage assembly including pairs of truss members/linking arms (2) interconnected to each other by cross joints, a fixed connector (5) having fixed connector brackets (51, 52) providing attachment points/mounting locations to pivotally secure the first truss members/linking arms of the linkage assembly to each pole, and a sliding connector (6) having fixed connector brackets (61, 62) to pivotally secure the second truss member/linking arm of the linkage assembly to the pole respectively, a connector locking assembly including a spring locking

button (12) sized and shaped to lock the sliding connector movable relative to the fixed connector respectively, a canopy support frame including a plurality of support rods (3) each having at least first and second rod members/interconnected canopy support member (3, 3) being pivotally jointed together by a joint (G), the first rod member being pivotally secured to the pole and the second rod member being pivotally secured to a head connector (7). Losi, Jr. et al. does not disclose a rolling element bearing being disposed in at least one of the joints between the pair of linking arms/truss members, and between at least one joint (G) between the interconnected canopy support members (3, 3), and between in at least one of the attachment points/ mounting locations/or connectors as claimed. Nygren et al. teach a frame assembly comprising a plurality of linking arms (72, 74) being pivotally connected together by a joint (76), and the linking arms also being pivotally connected to respective connectors (129), at least one rolling element bearing (326) being disposed between the linking member and the connector for providing a rotation with reducing frictional engagement between two pivoting members together. It would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to modify the shelter frame of Losi Jr. et al. having suitable bearing mechanism with obviously selected load bearing elements such as roller or thrust bearings, disposed in joints between two pivotally connected

members, such as in the joint between two linking arms, and in the joint between the linking arm and the fixed connector on the upper legs, or in the joint between two interconnected canopy support members as claimed as taught by Nygren et al. for providing a joint with reducing frictional movement between two pivotally connected members.

Citations

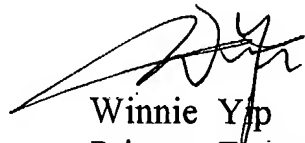
3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Noniewicz et al '319 and Lang '392 teach a bearing element disposed in between two elements to provide a pivot joint therebetween. Carter '902, Carter '224, Carter '293, Lynch '020, and Morgante (EP 1 186,733) teach various shelters having a frame comprising limitation as claim invention.

Inquiry Contacts

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Winnie Yip whose telephone number is 571-272-6870. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 571-272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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